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						Attendance.
(b) Date of meeting—						
18th May 1925	...	...	...	...	...	8
19th May 1925	...	...	...	...	...	7
20th May 1925	...	...	...	...	...	7
21st May 1925	...	...	...	...	...	7
22nd May 1925	...	...	...	...	...	6

(c) Five.

(d) The total amount of travelling and daily allowances payable comes to Rs. 595-15-0.

(e) There were several subjects which it was necessary to discuss and advantage was taken of six members belonging to the committees being present in Ootacamund on other business.

'Check' or 'subsidiary' toll-gates in Bellary, etc., districts.

*216 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool districts, what are called 'check' or 'subsidiary' toll-gates are established in addition to the regular toll-gates at distances varying up to two miles and even more from the main gates; and

(b) the authority under which such 'check' or 'subsidiary' gates were opened?

A.—(a) The Government have no information. The notification of places for collection of tolls is within the powers of the district boards.

(b) Section 104 (4) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, contemplates the opening of subsidiary toll-gates.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"With reference to the answer given to this question, should not the distance be two furlongs from the main gate for opening a subsidiary gate under the rules?"

The hon. the Raja of Panagal:—"No."

Mr. Muhammad Ghouse Mian Sahib:—"Does not section 104 (4) of the Local Boards Act say that only under extraordinary circumstances a subsidiary toll-gate will be opened?"

The hon. the Raja of Panagal:—"Sir, whether circumstances are ordinary or extraordinary, it is the local board concerned that has to decide."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May subsidiary gates be opened even beyond five miles from the main gate?"

Nomination of lady members to municipalities and local boards.

*217 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the municipalities and local boards which have nominated lady members; and

(b) whether any instructions have been issued to the presidents of district boards to nominate women as members of the local boards in their districts?

A.—(*a*) The following municipalities and district boards have nominated lady members. The Government have no information in regard to taluk boards and union boards.

Municipalities.	*Municipalities*--cont.	*District Boards.*
1. Anantapur.	8. Cannanore.	1. Chittoor.
2. Vellore.	9. Nellore.	2. Cuddapah.
3. Saidapet.	10. Tanjore.	3. Malabar.
4. Rajahmundry.	11. Vizagapatam.	4. Trichinopoly.
5. Guntur.	12. Vizianagram.	
6. Madura.	13. Tinnevelly.	
7. Kodaikanal.		

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Arising out of the answer given to clause (*a*), may I ask whether in the case of district boards excepting the four that have been given in the answer the rest were not able to find suitable candidates for nomination as lady members ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, wherever the Government are informed that there are suitable candidates they have appointed lady members. Where suitable candidates are not available, they are not appointed."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of making a fuller inquiry before satisfying themselves that suitable candidates are not available ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, they are doing that as far as possible."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Arising out of the same answer, viz., 'the Government have no information', may I ask whether they will be pleased to call for the same ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I do not think that the question arises from the answer given."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" As regards the answer given to clause (*b*) of this question, will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of instructing the presidents of district boards to nominate ladies as members of local bodies ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I have answered the question already."

Nominations to Salem District Board.

* 218 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many members of the depressed classes are there on the district board of Salem appointed by the Government ;

(*b*) when the period of nomination of the present depressed classes member on this Board will expire ;

(*c*) if the period has already expired, whether the same depressed classes member was re-nominated or another depressed classes member was nominated ;